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MEDIA ADVISORY

**Austin Police Department to recognize Victim Services Counselor with
Superior Service Citation**

On Thursday, February 14, 2010, the Austin Police Department received a 9-1-1 call of a suicidal male from his family members. The male had many medical problems and was contemplating suicide. When officers arrived they learned that the male was driving a vehicle in the area. The male refused to talk to officers on the phone and there was a fear that he was trying to commit "suicide by cop". APD Victim Services Counselor Jeanne Cohn arrived on scene and was able to talk to the male on the phone. Counselor Cohn has no training in dangerous armed subject negotiations but exhibited outstanding problem solving skills in a very difficult situation. She was able to convince the male to stop his car and he was taken into custody by officers without incident. He was eventually committed on a Peace Officer Emergency Commitment. Counselor Cohn's actions in this case prevented the male from committing suicide and possibly prevented serious injury or the loss of life to the responding officers.

APD Recognizes Victim Services Counselor

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

9 a.m.

Austin Police Headquarters

Media advisory: The recognition will take place during the COMPSTAT meeting which will be hosted on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 9 a.m. Media is invited to attend the presentation. Please call 974-5017 if you plan to attend.

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